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Amendments to the Specification:

The Office Action provides that:

Page 9, line 9: "numeral indicate" should be "numerals indicate".

Applicant therefore respectfully requests the following amendment of the paragraph containing line 9 on page 9 of the specification:

Reference is now made to the drawings, in which like numerals indicate like elements throughout the several views.

The Office Action further provides in regard to the specification that:

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Applicant therefore respectfully provides the following replacement abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention includes the use of at least three separate parties, a First Party, a Second Party, and a Third Party, with the First Party holding First Party Information, and the Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by the Second Party. The First Party requests to access Third Party Information held by the Second Party. The First Party's request is forwarded from the Second Party to the Third Party and is accompanied by some form of authorization information. Authorization is provided to the First Party by the Third Party by the transfer of the authorization information from the Third Party to said First Party, which authorizes the First Party to obtain the Third Party Information from the Second Party. Although at least three parties can be involved, two of these parties could be the same.